

## **AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A composition for treating allergic diseases, comprising shoots of the plant belonging to the family Pinaceae mixed with water and saccharide and fermented.
2. (Currently amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the plant belonging to the family Pinaceae is a plant belonging to genus Pinus.
3. (Currently amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the saccharide is sugar.
4. (Currently amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the allergic disease is asthma.
5. (Currently amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the allergic disease is atopic dermatitis.
6. (Previously presented) A composition comprising shoots of pine mixed with water and sugar and then fermented.
7. (Previously presented) A method of producing a remedy for allergic diseases, comprising a step of dissolving saccharides in sterilized water to

prepare a solution containing dissolved saccharides, and a step of adding shoots of plants belonging to the family Pinaceae to the solution containing dissolved saccharides followed by fermentation.

8. (Currently amended) The method of producing a remedy for allergic diseases according to Claim 7, wherein the plant belonging to the family Pinaceae is a plant belonging to the genus Pinus.

9. (Currently amended) The method of producing a remedy for allergic diseases according to Claim 7, wherein the saccharide is sugar.

10. (Currently amended) The method of producing a remedy for allergic diseases according to Claim 7, wherein the fermentation is conducted under anaerobic conditions at 10 to 70°C for 3 to 9 months.

11. (Currently amended) A method of producing a remedy for allergic diseases, comprising a step of dissolving sugar in sterilized water to prepare a solution containing dissolved sugar, and a step of adding shoots of pine to the solution containing dissolved sugar, followed by fermentation.

12. (Currently amended) The method of producing a remedy for allergic diseases according to Claim 11, wherein the fermentation is conducted under anaerobic conditions at 10 to 70°C for 3 to 9 months.

13. (Currently amended) A method of producing a remedy for allergic diseases, comprising a step of dissolving sugar in water to prepare a sugar aqueous solution cooled to ambient temperature, and a step of adding water-washed shoots of pine to the sugar aqueous solution, placing the solution into a vessel and sealing the vessel, followed by-fermentation.

14. (Currently amended) The method of producing a remedy for allergic diseases according to Claim 7, wherein the fermentation is conducted at 10 to 70°C for 3 to 9 months.

15. (Currently amended) The method of producing a remedy for allergic diseases according to Claim 11, wherein the ~~spontaneous~~ fermentation is conducted by placing the sealed vessel at a place receiving direct sunlight for three to nine months.

16. (Currently amended) A health food obtained by mixing shoots of plants belonging to the family Pinaceae with water and saccharide, followed by fermentation.

17. (Currently amended) A health food obtained by mixing shoots of pine with water and sugar, followed by fermentation.

18-20. (Cancelled)